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TUESDAY EVE., FEB. 12, 1869.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN was born eighty  
years ago to-day.

HOW JEROV BAKER, of the eighteenth congressional district, has abandoned his coat-tails and has issued an address to the voters in which he gives his reasons for inquiring the contest, and the fact that the record of the votes served only to increase the majority of his opponent. Therefore he does not desire to pursue the contest any further.

WHEN A President is about to retire from office, and especially when there is to be a change in the political character of the government, it is not considered the proper thing for him to make nominations to office from among his partisans. Mr. Cleveland on yesterday sent to the Senate the nomination of Adlai E. Stevenson, of Illinois, to be associate justice of the supreme court of the District of Columbia. Mr. Stevenson is now the First Assistant Postmaster General. It is not likely that the Senate will confirm the nomination.

THE WEST VIRGINIA MUDFIGHT is still on and there are not many appearances of a speed-ender of the fight. The struggle over the governorship is mixed up with the struggle over the senatorship, and though the press dispatches tell us every day that this or that development has "driven the last nail in Senator Kenes' coffin" he still appears to be a lively corpse. Some pretended authorities affect to believe that a compromise will be effected which will make Fleming senator and Goff governor, while others equally as wise insist that the outcome will be just the reverse. We shall see—probably.

## The Wheat Crop.

The open winter has caused a widespread belief that the winter wheat crop in this region is badly injured. Proprieties are common, that the crop is doomed to be a failure, and the constitutional bears are giving vent to prognostications of high prices for flour next year. Conversation with practical farmers, however, give good ground for belief that the crop in this locality is not practically uninjured. One of the most successful farmers in Macon county said last evening that he never saw wheat looking better at this time of the year. His theory is that the winter wheat does not suffer from an open winter, when the freezing and thawing has been accompanied by moderately dry weather—that is, weather not dry enough to result in the blowing of the soil from the roots. He says the roots of the plant have not been exposed to the air, although the weather has been dry, and that there has been no heaving up of the soil that is common to open winters. Everyone knows that it is this heaving up of the soil which results in the exposure of the roots to the cold winds, and the killing of the plant. We hope he is right, and usually he is right.

THE DEMOCRATIC PLAN FOR STEALING WEST VIRGINIA HAS REACHED THE POINT OF CONSUMMATION. The returns sent by the Democratic Secretary of State to the Legislature to be canvassed showed a majority of 160 for General Goff, the Republican candidate for Governor. But the Democrats (having a majority of one in that body), in spite of protests and appeals, threw out without counting or even reading lawful returns enough to "wipe out" the Republican majority and make a majority for Fleming, the defeated Democratic candidate. Judge Ferguson, the acknowledged legal light of the state and a life-long Democrat, says this action is plainly contrary to the Constitution, and other prominent Democrats express themselves in disapprobation. Murder in Arkansas, lynchings in Florida, open fraud and crime in West Virginia are Democratic methods at the South. A day of retribution can come before and another is now on its way.

HOW HANSELI HAMIN, of Maine, came to Chicago yesterday to attend the banquet to be given this evening by the La Salle Club in honor of the birthday of Abraham Lincoln. Mr. Hamlin, who is 90 years of age, is the old and active, and looks like a many younger man. His public life began in 1836, as a member of the Maine legislature, of which he was speaker from 1837 to 1840, and two years afterwards was elected to Congress. In 1848 he entered the Senate of the United States, in which he served until 1857, when he was chosen governor of Maine. From which office he soon after resigned to re-enter the Senate, and again resigned to become Vice President in 1860. In 1869 he was elected to a Senate for another term, which expired in 1875. He was afterwards Minister to Spain, where he served with distinction.

MR. O'FRIELAND IS GOING TO WORK AFTER MARCH 4TH, in the line of his profession, and while we have never thought that he has in him the material out of which great lawyers are made, still he is entitled to credit for breaking through the rule which has decreed that ex-presidents should have a life of ignominious ease. A few weeks after he retires from the White House he will enter his fifty-third year, and at that age ought to be in the full possession of his maturing faculties. It is not strange that he should be loth to loosen his hold upon the activities of life while still in possession of his ability to perform the best work of a lifetime. He is to be commended for his decision, and it is to be sincerely hoped that his success in grappling with the knotty problems which beset the lawyer's path may encourage other men in the future to come to the sensible conclusion that it is better to wear out than to rust out. Of all the men in this great country none are more truly entitled to pity than those who, by an unwritten law, have been foreclosed to a life of painful idleness, because, forsooth, their fellow-citizens had at one time employed them to serve a period in the chief executive office. It is really un-American—this idea that any man should be debarred from pursuing the avocation most agreeable to him, no matter what office he may have chosen to hold. Ex-presidents ought to have as many rights as anybody else, and Mr. Cleveland has done well to break the ice of a foolish custom.

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## FOREIGN NEWS.

The Trial of Bishop King—Imprisoned Miners Rescued—Suit for Divorce.

More "Indignities" for O'Brien—Waiting for the Inauguration of Harrison—A Snow Blockade.

Followed His Prince—Afghan Troops on the Russian Frontier—Venustus Excited—Foreign Notes.

England—The Case of Bishop King.

London, Feb. 12.—The Secretary of War yesterday sent to the House a statement of General Grey, Chief of the Signal Corps, which sets forth the very unsatisfactory condition of the corps and the inefficiency of the lieutenants of the corps. He calls attention to the large number of vacancies in the corps, and demands the reorganization of the service. General Grey further states that during the last three years one-eighth of the corps have died, and that two-thirds are entirely unfit to perform the duties for which they are paid, and recommends the passage of the House bill to increase the efficiency of the Signal Corps.

Mr. Edgerton's Removal—Mr. Edgerton, a member of the Civil-Service Commission, has a stream of callers at his hotel all day, due to the fact that his removal from office by President Cleveland Saturday had become generally known. Mr. Edgerton is personally one of the most popular gentlemen in Washington, and a leader of the law-abiding conservatives. He is a remarkable man. He can not be a year under fifty-seven, and may be even older. His hair is snow-white, but his winter's coat is not thinned in the least. His frame is erect, and there is a merry twinkle in his eye.

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THE REPORT OF THE TRIAL.

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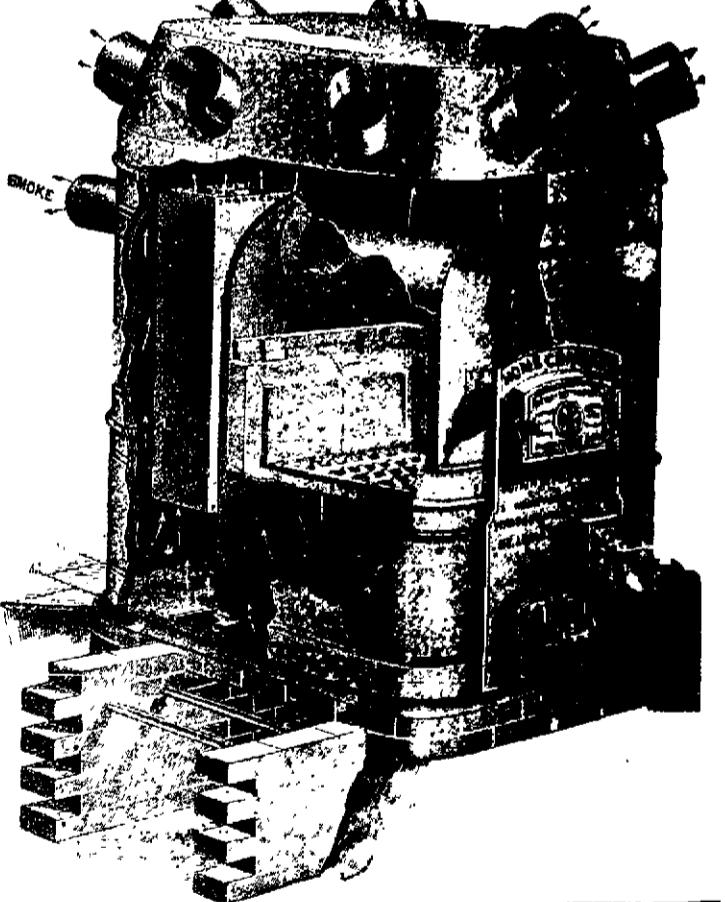
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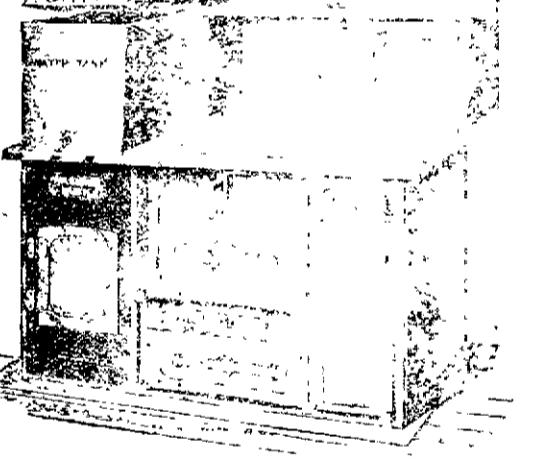
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TRUE BURIAL OF THE LATE REV. JOHN H. MYERS IS IN PROGRESS THIS AFTERNOON.

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THE MESSENGERS HAVE BECOME EPIDEMIC AT MONROVIA. ABOUT EIGHTEEN CASES HAVE ALREADY BEEN REPORTED. THE SCHOOLS HAVE CLOSED FOR TWO WEEKS IN CONSEQUENCE.

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